

PART 52b—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

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§ 52b.1 To what programs do these regulations apply?

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, this part applies to all grants awarded by NIH and its components for construction of new buildings and the alteration, renovation, remodeling, improvement, expansion, and repair of existing buildings, including the provision of equipment necessary to make the building (or applicable part of the building) suitable for the purpose for which it was constructed.

(b) *Specific programs covered.* From time to time the Director may publish a list of the construction grant programs covered by this part. The list is for informational purposes only and is not intended to restrict the statement of applicability in paragraph (a) of this section. In addition, information on particular construction grant programs, including applications and in-

structions, may be obtained from the component of NIH that administers the program.

(c) *Specific programs excluded.* The regulations of this part do not apply to minor alterations, renovations, or repairs funded under a research project grant (see part 52 of this chapter) or alterations or renovations funded under an NIH center grant (see part 52a of this chapter).

§ 52b.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*).

Construction means the construction of new buildings or the modernization of, or the completion of shell space in, existing buildings (including the installation of fixed equipment), but excluding the cost of land acquisition and off-site improvements.

Construction grant means funds awarded for construction in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act and this part.

Director means the Director of NIH or the director of an NIH national research institute, center, or other component of NIH, authorized to award grants for construction under the applicable provisions of the Act, and any official to whom the authority involved is delegated.

Federal share with respect to any construction project means the proportion, expressed as a percentage, of the cost of a project to be paid by a grant award under the Act.

HHS, DHHS, and Department mean the Department of Health and Human Services.

Institute means any national research institute, center, or other agency of the National Institutes of Health.

Modernization means the alteration, renovation, remodeling, improvement, expansion, and/or repair of existing buildings and the provision of equipment necessary to make the building suitable for use for the purposes of the particular program.

NIH means the National Institutes of Health and its organizational components that award construction grants.

Nonprofit as applied to any agency or institution means an agency or institution which is a corporation or an association, no part of the net earnings of which inures or may lawfully inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Project means the particular construction activity which is supported by a grant under this part.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any official to whom the authority involved is delegated.

§ 52b.3 Who is eligible to apply?

In order to be eligible for a construction grant under this part, the applicant must:

- (a) Be a public or private nonprofit agency or institution;
- (b) Be located in a state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Canal Zone, Guam, American Samoa, or the successor states of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau); and
- (c) Meet any additional eligibility criteria specified in the applicable provisions of the Act.

§ 52b.4 How to apply.

Applications for construction grants under this part shall be made at the times and in the form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

§ 52b.5 How will NIH evaluate applications?

(a) In evaluating and approving applications for construction grants under this part, the Director shall take into account, among other pertinent factors, the following:

- (1) The priority score assigned to the application by an NIH peer review group as described in paragraph (b) of this section;
- (2) The relevance of the project for which construction is proposed to the objectives and priorities of the particular program authorized by the Act;
- (3) The scientific merit of the research activities that will be carried out in the proposed facility;
- (4) The scientific or professional standing or reputation of the applicant

and of its existing or proposed officers and research staff;

(5) The availability, by affiliation or other association, of other scientific or health personnel and facilities to the extent necessary to carry out effectively the program proposed for the facility, including the adequacy of an acceptable biohazard control and containment program when warranted;

(6) The need for the facility and its total effects on similar or related facilities in the locale, and the need for appropriate geographic distribution of similar facilities; and

(7) The financial need of the applicant.

(b) The priority score of the application shall be based, among other pertinent factors, on the following criteria:

- (1) The scientific merit of the total program and its component parts to be carried out in the facility;
- (2) The administrative and leadership capabilities of the applicant's officers and staff;
- (3) The organization of the applicant's research program and its relationship with the applicant's overall research programs;
- (4) The anticipated effect of the project on other relevant research programs and facilities in the geographic area, and nationwide;
- (5) The need for the project or additional space; and
- (6) The project cost and design.

§ 52b.6 What is the rate of federal financial participation?

(a) Unless otherwise specified by statute, the rate of federal financial participation in a construction project supported by a grant under this part shall not be more than 50 percent of the necessary allowable costs of construction as determined by the Director, except that when the Director finds good cause for waiving this limitation, the amount of the construction grant may be more than 50 percent of the necessary allowable costs of construction.

(b) Subject to paragraph (a) of this section, the Director shall set the actual rate of federal financial participation in the necessary allowable costs of construction, taking into consideration